

EXHIBITIONS AND NOTICES.

February 7, 1911.

Prof. E. A. MINCHIN, M.A., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

THE SECRETARY read the following report on the additions made to the Society's Menagerie during the month of December, 1910:—

The registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of December were 133 in number. Of these 76 were acquired by presentation, 27 by purchase, 12 were received on deposit, 17 in exchange, and 1 was born in the Gardens.

The total number of departures during the month, by death and removals, was 216.

Amongst the additions special attention may be called to the following:—

1 Viverrine Cat (*Felis viverrina*), from India, 1 Northern Lynx (*Felis lynx isabellinus*), from Tibet, 2 Binturongs (*Arctictis binturong*), from Malacca, and 1 Yellow-throated Marten (*Mustela flavigula*), from India, purchased on Dec. 24th; 4 Canadian Skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*) and 2 Little Skunks (*Spilogale putorius*), from N. America, the latter new to the Collection, purchased on Dec. 29th.

1 Silver Fox (*Fulpes argentatus*), from Hudson's Bay, received in exchange on Dec. 12th.

1 Feline Otter (*Lutra felina*), new to the Collection, from La Plata, presented by William Clyne, Esq., on Dec. 6th.

1 Brindled Gnu (*Connochates taurinus*), born in the Menagerie on Dec. 1st.

A collection of 15 Reptiles, including 1 Raddon's Lizard (*Mabuia raddonii*), 1 Smyth's Snake (*Grayia smythii*), and 1 Yellow-throated Snake (*Thrasops flavigularis*), new to the Collection, from Dunkwa, Gold Coast, presented by Dr. H. G. F. Spurrell on Dec. 12th.

Dr. C. W. ANDREWS, F.R.S., F.Z.S., exhibited the skull of a Sabre-toothed Tiger (*Smilodon californicus*), from an asphalt deposit in California, and pointed to anatomical characters which tended to prove that the animal used its large canines for stabbing and tearing, not for biting.

THE SECRETARY exhibited a mounted specimen of the Platypus (*Ornithorhynchus paradoxus*), which had been lent for the purpose by Mr. P. St. Michael Podmore, F.Z.S.

Mr. EDWARD GERRARD, F.Z.S., exhibited the head of a Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) (text-fig. 52), shot by Sir John Rogers, K.C.M.G., in British Columbia, which had a distinct forked third antler over the centre of the orbital arch of the frontal bone just

in front of the normal antler, which carried a single anterior basal tine, and separated from it by a strip of hairy skin. There was a slight burr on a level with the skin, but no pedicle. It had the appearance as if it could be shed in the same manner as the normal antlers.

Text-fig. 52.



Head of a Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) with abnormal antlers.

A very fine head of an Eland (*Taurotragus derbianus gigas*) obtained by Major Gordon on the Bahr-el-Ghazel, and three fine heads of White-tailed Deer (*Dorcelaphus americanus macrurus*) were also exhibited, one pair of antlers being abnormal.